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House Bill No. 6694

House of Representatives, April 4, 2005

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF STUDIES REGARDING LEGALIZED GAMBLING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 12-564 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (b) The executive director shall, with the advice and consent of the
5 board, conduct studies concerning the effect of legalized gambling on
6 the citizens of this state including, but not limited to, studies to
7 determine the types of gambling activity engaged in by the public and
8 the desirability of expanding, maintaining or reducing the amount of
9 legalized gambling permitted in this state. Such studies shall be
10 conducted as often as the executive director deems necessary, [but in
11 no event shall a study] except that no studies shall be conducted [less
12 than] before the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and thereafter studies
13 shall be conducted at least once every ten years. The joint standing

14 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15 relating to legalized gambling shall each receive a report concerning
16 each study carried out, stating the findings of the study and the costs
17 of conducting the study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	12-564(b)
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PS*Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - Savings	None	\$532,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill postpones the study of the effect of legalized gambling on the state of Connecticut that is required in FY 07 by CGS Sec. 12-564 until FY 09. This study is currently budgeted to cost \$532,000 in FY 07. The last study of the effect of legalized gambling on the State of Connecticut occurred in FY 97. This bill implements the provisions of the Governor's budget.

OLR Bill Analysis

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF STUDIES REGARDING
LEGALIZED GAMBLING****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates the 2007 deadline by which the Division of Special Revenue (DSR) must conduct its next required legalized gambling study and instead bars DSR from conducting any study before June 30, 2009. By eliminating the 2007 deadline, the bill potentially postpones the conduct of the studies indefinitely.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

LEGALIZED GAMBLING STUDIES

Under current law, the DSR executive director must conduct studies of legalized gambling's impact on the state as often he deems necessary, but not less than once every 10 years. The last study, which cost \$288,846 was conducted in June 1997; thus, the next study is due by June 2007. The bill bars DSR from conducting a study before the end of FY 2009, but it does not set a deadline for conducting one. Thus, the executive director may conduct the next study anytime after June 30, 2009. Once he conducts the next study, he must, as is required under current law, conduct succeeding studies at least once every 10 years thereafter.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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